

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO Office of the Governor Environmental Quality Board

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

August 20, 2009

Mr. George Pavlou Acting Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Required Revisions to Puerto Rico's Solid Waste Regulations

Dear Mr. Pavlou:

I received your letter dated August 10, 2009, regarding the referenced matter. The Environmental Quality Board is currently working on this matter and expects to complete its revision of the Puerto Rico solid waste regulations by December 2009. This is a priority of this administration's regulatory agenda.

In order to achieve this longstanding goal, I have created a special committee to work on the amendments of the two local regulations that deal with solid waste. This committee is working in close coordination with EPA representatives from the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division. As discussed in previous conversations, our agenda includes a revision of all local regulations to assess their consistency with federal regulations and updating them.

EQB is committed to providing clear and consistent regulations for the regulated community, that also comply with our responsibility under federal delegations and authorizations. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Pedfo/I. Nieves Miranda

Chairman

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